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Claims:

 (Currently amended) A compression device for the limb of a mobile patient comprising:

an inflatable sleeve adapted to surround the limb; a conduit attached to said sleeve for delivering fluid to said sleeve; and a portable, wearable controller attached to said conduit that generates and controls the flow of fluid in the device, wherein the sleeve consists of a leg cuff and a foot cuff, and the leg cuff consists of only three cells each consisting of a single compartment, a gaiter cell, adapted to wrap <u>fully</u> around the lower limb in the region closest to the ankle, a mid-calf cell, adapted to wrap <u>fully</u> around the lower limb above the region occupied by the gaiter cell and an upper cell adapted to wrap <u>fully</u> around the lower limb in the region between the mid-calf cell and the knee.

- 2) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said controller comprises a microprocessor control system and a pump.
- 3) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one pressure sensor is associated with said sleeve.
- 4) (Canceled)
- 5) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said sleeve is low profile and discrete.
- 6) (Canceled)
- 7) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said leg and foot cuffs are anatomically shaped to provide compression on those parts of the leg or foot which have the greatest effect on blood flow.
- 8) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a sock interposed between said sleeve and the limb.
- 9) (Canceled)
- 10) (Original) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said controller is battery operated.

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- 11) (Previously presented) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein each cell is monitored by a sensor.
- 12) (Canceled)
- 13) (Canceled)
- (Previously presented) The compression device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said cells may be pressurised to the same or different predetermined pressures.

Claims 15-18 (Canceled)

- 19) (Previously presented) A method of preventing or treating venous insufficiency, oedema, DVT or post-thrombotic syndrome comprising applying a compression device of claim 1 to the limb of a mobile patient.
- 20) (Currently amended) A compression device for the limb of a mobile patient comprising:

an inflatable sleeve adapted to surround the limb;

a conduit attached to said sleeve for delivering fluid to said sleeve; and a portable, wearable controller attached to said conduit that generated generates and controls the flow of fluid in the device, wherein the sleeve comprises a leg cuff and a foot cuff, and a sock is interposed between said sleeve and the limb.